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Council cracking down on unpaid pet fines

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff



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LIONS DONATE TO AIRPORT LIGHTING - Elk Point and District Lions Club representative Jason Boorse visited council to present a \$5,000 donation to the Airport Development Fund, and was thanked by Mayor Lorne Young on behalf of council and the community. The mayor noted that the airport lighting project is nearing completion. Left to right are Couns. Tim Smereka and Debra McQuinn, Mayor Young, Jason Boorse, Coun. Terri Hampson and Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich.

Elk Point town council is taking a firm stand on enforcement of its Animal Control Bylaw, voting four to one at last Monday's meeting to bill the owner of rental properties if the renters leave town with unpaid animal-related fines and cannot be contacted by a collection agency.

A license must be obtained for every cat or dog over the age of eight weeks within one month of obtaining that animal or taking up residence in Elk Point. That license is to be renewed each year between January 1 and January 31. The only exceptions are for guide dogs and service dogs with provincially issued identification cards, or police dogs with similar identification.

Each year, the town finds itself with unpaid pet license bills on the books, and whereas in the past, those belonging to people who have left town have been written off as uncollectable at the end of the year, the current council agrees that the bylaw must be enforced.

Three of this year's unpaid license fees have been recouped by a collection agency, a visiting pet owner's family has paid one fee, and one remains outstanding. That remaining bill will go to the collection agency and if the agency is unsuccessful in their efforts, the fine amount will be transferred to the tax roll of the property where the pet owner lived in Elk Point.

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Elk Point Chamber of Commerce celebrating Small Business Week 2018 with scarecrow contest

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Small businesses across Elk Point are scaring up some fun this Small Business Week as they compete in the first Scarecrow Contest to be co-sponsored and judged by the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce. The contest was previously coordinated by the Town of Elk Point Recreation Department, and also includes a residential competition.

As of last week's meeting, chamber president Terri Hampson said there were seven business entries and two residential entries, with two days to go before last Friday's entry deadline. Residential prizes will be sponsored by the Town of Elk Point, while the chamber is sponsoring the business prizes, which will be donated to each business' favourite charity. Winners will be announced at the end of this week.

The chamber recently gained a new member when new owners took over the Subway franchise in early September. The membership agreed to encourage more additions to the member lineup by announcing

that any business joining the chamber from that date to Dec. 31 will also be a member for all of 2019. The chamber will be sending out membership renewal notices early in the New Year, however businesses involving only one or two workers, including the owner, who paid the full \$100 membership fee last spring will have an automatic renewal, because the decision to charge these smallest businesses only \$50 was made at the annual meeting, and some had already renewed prior to that time.

Small Business Week October 14 to 20, 2018

President Hampson reported that planning for the Nov. 23 Christmas Extravaganza is well underway, and that further details will be announced after tonight's Extravaganza Committee meeting.

Treasurer Christine Fenton brought the subject of paying down the chamber's loan on the EcoCentre back to the table. With a renter and lease agreement now in place, members agreed that the chamber is now

in a position to pay \$500 on the loan principal each month, with an automatic transfer to be set up for this purpose.

The chamber will once again be represented at the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day observances, and agreed to donate the usual \$50 for a wreath to be placed at the cenotaph.

The next chamber meeting, on Nov. 7 will feature a session on the Government of Canada's Western Growth Strategy, where members will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on five questions regarding growing the economy in western Canada. These questions include gathering opinions on what a stronger western Canadian economy could look like in 10 years, best ways to spur new growth, ways to help the Indigenous economy to grow, ways to encourage economic participation by underrepresented groups, including women, youth and new immigrants, and how governments, industry and western Canadians can work together to grow the regional economy. A session to gather opinions from the general public will follow the chamber meeting.

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A Small Business Week salute to the businesses of the past



THE VIEW DOWN MAIN STREET Looking south in 1948 from the corner of 50th Avenue, on the left side are: Elk Point Motors, the Post Office, F. E. Van Arnam Insurance Agency, Joe Mah Confectionery and residence, Hayward Lumber Co., Imperial Lumber Co., Kovach's Woodworking Shop and Habiak's Massey Harris agency (not visible). At the far south end is the CNR Station, while coming up the right side, from south to north, are: the Alberta Hotel, M. & O. Fischer General Store, Dan Windiuk's Shoe Shop, Cafe, Yacyna's Secondhand Store, Neil Fenton Confectionery Store, Pioneer Hotel, Elk Point Library, Dominion Bank, Ron Barwick's Clothing Store, Paul Stepa's Pool Hall and Barber Shop, Davis 5 Cents to \$1 Store, Tredger's Drug Store. Photo by Peter Vaitkunas.

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THE WAY WE WERE: Elk Point's Main Street in 1937 consisted of, from left to right, William Andrishak's Store, Windiuk's Shoe Repair Shop, Ole Jacobson's Jewelry Shop, Neil Fenton's Meat Market, Caskey Hotel, C. A. Johnson's Store, Joe Helm's Store, Paul Stepa's Pool Hall and Barber Shop, Reva Morton's Beauty Shop, MacDonald's Drug Store, William Soldan Garage and C. J. Markstad Store on the west side, and on the east side, Markstad's Ford Agencies, Caskey Motors, Post Office (Joe Quinn, F. E. Van Arnam Realty, Joe Mah's Cafe, Hayward's Lumber Company, Boyda Sisters' Beauty Parlor, Imperial Lumber Company. Out of camera range at left is the Alberta Hotel, while out of range at right are Stan Yopyk's Shoe Shop, Pete Manchur's Woodworking Shop and the CNR Railway Station. There were no buildings north of 51 Avenue in 1937. This area was a grain field.

Photos courtesy of Elk Point Historical Society.

Town Council

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Council agreed that this will be the procedure followed for all unpaid Animal Control Bylaw fines going forward, and one councillor suggested that rental property owners may wish to collect a larger damage deposit to cover unpaid bills owed to the town on the renters' departure.

Recreation and Culture Board established

All three readings were given to a brand-new Recreation and Culture Bylaw, establishing a Recreational and Cultural Board, which will have a minimum of five voting members appointed by council, with a maximum of two of those members being part of town council. The members of the board are to be appointed each year at the town's organizational meeting in October, and applications are now being accepted from those wishing to be part of the board. Permanent employees of the town are not eligible to be part of the board.

The new board will meet monthly from September to June, and will have the duty of cooperating with and encouraging all organizations that support, promote and work for recreation and culture, and of developing a broad program of recreational and cultural activities and services to meet the needs and desires of the public.

Off-Highway bylaw

Amendments to the town's Off-Highway Bylaw were discussed and include a section on permitted routes, which include the use of alleys or the non-traveled portion of the highway where no access to an alley is available, for the purpose of accessing designated off-highway vehicle grounds or to exit town limits or return from outside the town limits. They may enter and exit to commercial and industrial zoned districts to obtain food, fuel, lodging and repairs, according to designated access route shown on a map attached to the bylaw, and may travel on the Iron Horse Trail through town. Also added to the bylaw are restrictions, prohibiting off highway-vehicles from operating on the golf course, parks, playgrounds, school grounds and athletic playing fields within the town boundaries.

Rezoning approved

A public hearing regarding the rezoning of a parcel of Highway Commercial (C2) District to Central Commercial (C1) District was held prior to the council meeting, with no opposition expressed verbally or in writing. The bylaw to permit rezoning was later given the final two readings.

ACP Grants

Applications for three Alberta Community Partner Grants are now being prepared by County of St. Paul staff on the town's behalf. The first of these is for a Regional Economic Development and Marketing Plan, which would involve the towns of Elk Point and St. Paul, the county and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay and would have the county as the managing partner. The second is a Regional Human Resources Framework for all four municipalities, with the Town of St. Paul as managing partner, and the third is a Stormwater Management Plan for Elk Point and Horseshoe Bay with the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay as the managing partner.

Good town keeping

In his monthly report, CAO Ken Gwozdz expressed thanks to the Public Works crew for "an awesome job this summer" watering flower planters, repairing fire hydrants, filling cracks and patching holes on streets, digging patches on Circle Drive, managing the bulk water fill station and repairing the lift station pumps, among other projects.

2018 ABP FALL PRODUCER MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

ZONE 8	ALL MEETINGS 7 p.m. START COFFEE AND DONUTS 6 p.m.
OCT 29	SANDY RAPIDS, COMMUNITY HALL 47407 HIGHWAY 55, IRON RIVER
OCT 30	KITSCOTY, SENIORS CENTRE
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NOV 6	MINBURN, COMMUNITY HALL

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Enrolment down by 81 students across SPERD

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The Sept. 30th enrolment numbers were presented to St. Paul Education Regional Division board members at the Oct. 10 monthly meeting, and show a decrease in projected numbers.

As of Sept. 30, there were 3,621 full-time equivalent students registered at SPERD schools. This is a decrease of 81 students when compared to budgeted projections.

Superintendent Glen Brodziak presented the information, stating, the division bases its staffing on enrolment projections, and falling 81 students short "is significant" to the budget. The lower enrolment numbers means the division's budget is off by about \$750,000.

SPERD knew it would have to trim its budget, and efforts to cut \$1 million from the budget were made, earlier in 2018.

The board gave administration direction "that no teacher cuts would be made," said Brodziak. So, the division is now looking to other areas, such as educational assistants, "although, they are people too."

The superintendent said they will be leaving class sizes as they are, and added that overall, SPERD class sizes are lower than in many other places in Alberta. He noted that any new hire being done at any school will come through central office.

Board Chair Heather Starosielski said the division will use results from the upcoming satisfaction survey to help guide decisions also. She noted that things could change as the year goes

on, and programming changes could be done if needed.

When speaking about why students have left the division, Brodziak said, "everyone has their own individual story about why."

It was also noted that 11 new students have enrolled at the new outreach school that opened in Myrnam.

Satisfaction Survey

Parents of students who attend SPERD schools are being asked to complete a satisfaction survey this month.

The decision was made by send out the survey earlier in the year, so that results can be put together and any needed changes could take place. The survey will be available as of Oct. 15, and is available online, through a direct link on the SPERD website.

The only school that isn't filling out the survey online is Two Hills Mennonite. If parents need, they can stop by their child's school to complete the survey, some time before Oct. 29.

Students in Grade 4 and up will also fill out the survey, along with SPERD staff members.

Cannabis

The board also spoke up on some language changes that have been made to policies, in relation to the upcoming legalization of cannabis.

Brodziak said he felt the division was ready for legalization on Oct. 17, and that cannabis will be dealt with the same way any other impairment would be. If students are found to be under the influence of any substance at school, they face a five-day suspension.

"We're just going to go business as normal . . . we'll deal with it," said

Brodziak.

He noted that the issue has been left with principals to inform students that "it's not a free-for-all" once cannabis is legalized.

St. Paul Regional High School Principal Mark Tichkowsky was in attendance at the Oct. 10 board meeting, and said he brought the issue up at the beginning of the year and told students what the expectations were. He said he will do another announcement leading up to the Oct. 17 date.

"Impairment is impairment," said Brodziak.

The legal age to purchase and consume cannabis according to the provincial framework is 18 years, which is in line with the province's legal age for alcohol.

Ashmont

An official grand opening event date has yet to be set for the new Ashmont School since outside work still needs to be complete. Demolition of the old

school is ongoing, and paving was expected to start last week.

A motion to table a decision on the setting a date for the grand opening was carried.

PowerSchool

Parents of SPERD students will likely get notification some time this week on how to sign up for PowerSchool - a platform that will keep parents in touch with how their children are doing in school.

An online parent portal will be available, with updated grades being posted throughout the school year. A student portal will also be available.

Parents will have the ability to email teachers, and must agree to not abuse the system, prior to signing up.

Starosielski said she believes parents are looking for more information and communication with teachers. And she noted that teachers will have to be back into the mode that parents are expecting to see marks posted on a regular basis.

Draft K-4 curriculum to be discussed Oct. 16 at telephone town hall

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Alberta Education is inviting parents and all other Albertans to weigh in on the draft K-4 curriculum that has been release.

A press release dated Oct. 10 explains that work on the new provincial curriculum began in June of 2016. Subjects being looked at include language arts (English and French), mathematics, social studies, sciences, arts, and wellness education.

"We have developed a curriculum that is common sense, practical and in alignment with up-to-date research. This curriculum rewrite process has been open and transparent, and we have received more than 70,000 responses on our draft curriculum. We're working hard to ensure that this curriculum focuses on the priorities of Albertans so it can set our students up for success in a fast-changing world," said David Eggen, Minister of Education, in the media release.

Eggen and Alberta Education will be hosting telephone town halls to discuss the draft K-4 curriculum. The calls will start at 7 p.m. on Oct. 16 for northern Alberta residents, and Oct. 17 for southern Alberta residents. The calls will also be live-streamed for anyone that wants to listen online, rather than over the phone.

St. Paul Education Regional Division superintendent Glen Brodziak said he would like teachers in the division to be aware of the town hall.

"They're our experts in this area," said Brodziak.

SPERD board chair Heather Starosielski said that given the recent issue that was seen in regards to a question found on an exam given at a local school regarding residential schools, the process of reviewing the curriculum is a "slow" one.

Albertans can pre-register for the telephone town halls by visiting education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development. The government has also launched a new platform for Albertans to access the draft curriculum on the new LearnAlberta.ca website.

The new K-4 curriculum is expected to be approved by December 2018. The next grades that will see an overhaul will be Grades 5-8, which are expected to be done by December 2019. Grades 9 and 10 in three subject areas will be looked at and complete by December 2020; and another three subjects will be looked at for those grades the following year.

Grades 11 and 12 will also be looked with approval timelines set for 2021 for three subjects, and 2022 for the next three subjects.



TAKING THE OATH - Krysten Burton took the oath administered by Town of Elk Point CAO Ken Gwozdz to become the town's new Bylaw Officer.

New bylaw officer sworn in

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Town of Elk Point has a new Bylaw Officer, as of October 13.

Council passed Bylaw 772/18 at last Tuesday's meeting, authorizing establishment of the position and outlining the powers, duties and functions the

office entails, as well as the requirements for appointment to the position

Following the passing of all three readings of the bylaw, CAO Ken Gwozdz presided at the swearing-in of Krysten Burton as the new Bylaw Officer.

Burton is also the CAO's Executive Assistant.

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EDITORIAL

Small business the life blood of the community

According to the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), small and medium-sized businesses contribute 41 per cent of Canada's gross domestic product.

Of more than 1.3 million businesses in Canada, 98 per cent are small businesses, which are defined as those having less than 100 employees. A portion of these are micro-businesses, with one to four employees. Medium businesses have from 100 to 4999 employees.

There are an estimated 829,000 entrepreneurs in the country, and nine out of 10 employees in the private sector work in small and medium sized businesses, with women leading or co-leading a third of these businesses. Nearly 33,000 new entrepreneurs go into business each year, with 25- to 44-year-olds most likely to start a new business.

The top three industries involved in small businesses are construction, at 13.9 per cent, retail trade and professional services, both at 13.7 per cent.

The BDC, who collected these facts, should know - they've been spearheading Small Business Week for the past 39 years.

Almost every business in our community is a small business, although some of them are part of larger business groups that could edge into the medium category. Quite a few of our local businesses would fit in the micro business category. The statistic regarding women leading or co-leading businesses may also be accurate locally. All three of the top three industries they list are among the small businesses represented locally, but in this area, the resource industry would rank high in the percentage count, ranging from micro to medium in size.

Small business doesn't only take precedence in small towns, cities across the nation have their share as well, with the many small firms in every mall providing competition for the big box stores and major chains.

Small businesses provide personalized service, they hire local residents and spend their profits in their fellow businesses. They donate to local causes, they support our sports teams and school functions, and they give people from neighboring communities and beyond a reason to come to our towns.

Our community, like many others, has lost some businesses this year, and we are very sorry to see them go. We welcome newcomers to our business community with open arms, and this is not anything new. If you look at the vintage photos of downtown Elk Point in 1937 and 1948, you will see many changes over those 11 years, and if you look down today's Main Street, you will see many more.

Change is a fact of life, and sometimes it brings us something we've never had before and something we've always wished we had. Sometimes, we have to part with stores and people we valued, and sometimes it is because we didn't support them as much as we might have.

Small businesses are the cornerstone of our community. We wish them a great Small Business Week.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Mural complete, federal forums, 'no pandemonium'

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1988

Beaver River Progressive Conservative candidate John Dahmer opened his campaign office in Elk Point, cutting the ribbon held by supporters Glen Harms and Sid Holthe and campaign manager John Tilton. The 100-foot historical mural was finished at last, with artist Billie Milholland adding the final brush strokes to her huge creation as volunteers applied the protective coating and painted the molding and frames that would hold the panels in place.

1993

High school students from Ashmont, Mallaig, Heinsburg and St. Paul joined their counterparts at F. G. Miller to hear Beaver River election candidates Eugene Houle (NDP), Michael Zacharko (Liberal) and Deborah Grey (Reform) explain their parties' platforms. Lily Thompson and David Skolarchuk were Heinsburg High School's highest achievers for the past school year.

1998

Incumbent Ed Buck faced off against Gordon West in the battle for the mayor's chair in the upcoming municipal election, with four councillors - incumbents Mae Hendrickson, Bill Schuhmacher and Walter Lesyk and newcomer Dennis Jasinsky - elected by acclamation. The chamber of commerce joined the Town of Elk Point in the crusade to keep the Northern Lights Library System headquarters in Elk Point.

2003

A major upgrading program was underway at Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site, with new bastions and palisades hoisted into place some 211 years after the original forts were built. There was "no panic and no pandemonium" in an excellent disaster exercise that showed the towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and the County of St. Paul were well prepared to cope with a county-wide emergency.

2008

An animated, entertaining and informative all-candidates forum in St. Paul attracted about 100

people to hear from Westlock-St. Paul federal candidates, Liberal Leila Houle, incumbent Progressive Conservative Brian Storseth, Green Party Aden Murray, New Democrat Della Drury and Christian Heritage Party Sip Hofstede. Elk Point Elementary School students were handed the keys to success when entertainer and educator Steve Harmer came to town with his Motivational Magic.

2013

Elk Point residents interested in learning more about the candidates for the Oct. 21 town council election gathered at the Seniors' Recreation Centre on Thursday for a candidates' forum sponsored by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, with nine of the 10 potential councilors on hand to give their views.



FLAG RAISING - Heinsburg Community School's new principal, Troy Runzer, slowly raises the Canadian and Alberta flags as Frog Lake First Nation representatives Melvin Abraham and Moize Paul provide an honour song at a flag-raising ceremony, to celebrate the official start of the school year, with a big jump in enrolment to 155 students from 102 the previous year.

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TREATY 6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – On October 1, the F. G. Miller Crusaders joined their Frog Lake and Kehewin First Nations Communities Advocate and First Nations-Métis-Inuit (FNMI) Coordinator Rhonda Cardinal, Kehewin Elder Eugene Cardinal, his son Gene Cardinal, who is a former Crusader, and grandson, Shaun Dean, for a very special ceremony acknowledging that their school sits on Treaty 6 territory. Treaty 6 was signed by Crown representatives and Cree, Assiniboine and Ojibwa leaders on August 23, 1876 at Fort Carlton, Saskatchewan, and on September 9, 1876 at Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan. The treaty boundaries extend across central portions of present-day Alberta and Saskatchewan. F. G. Miller principal Colin Bjorkman gave a brief history of Treaty 6 and introduced Elder Eugene Cardinal of Kehewin First Nations. Cardinal shared some of his stories and told school staff and students why the school was acknowledging being located on Treaty 6 land.



A FRAMED HIDE, decorated by a SPERD division artist and stretched by Glenda Bristow from St. Paul Education Regional Division's Central Office, was then smudged and a song was sung and drummed. The acknowledgement ended with the hide being placed at the school's entrance for all to see and admire. Special thanks were extended to Rhonda Cardinal for organizing the event, Elder Cardinal for his words of wisdom and song and to the amazing artist who created the hide graphics.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY - F. G. Miller's Orange Shirt Day was held a day late, on Oct. 2, due to school photos the previous day, but still showed a strong representation of belief that "Every Child Matters."

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HIGHLIGHTS

October 9 Council Meeting

Landfill Sites Winter Hours - Effective November 1 the hours of operation at all Landfill Sites will change to 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All sites are open on Saturday. Mallaig, Vincent Lake, Whitney Lake, and St. Lina are open on Tuesdays as well. Ashmont is open on Tuesdays and Sundays. For additional information visit the County website and click on "What the County Offers". The information is under Waste and Recycling.

County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Website – The County of St. Paul and Elk Point has an exciting new Website. For information on the services being provided by FCSS visit www.countystpaul elkpointfcss.com. You can also access application forms for Meals on Wheels or Community Counseling on the FCSS website.

Snowplow Flags for Senior Citizens or Disable Persons

– The County is changing the flags for senior citizens and disabled persons who currently have their driveways plowed. All Senior Citizens and Disabled persons should have received a letter in the mail requesting that they return their yellow flag in exchange for a green flag. After October 31, the yellow flags will not be recognized, and driveways will not be plowed. If you did not receive a letter contact the County Office at 645-3301 or County Public Works at 645-3006.

Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grants – In anticipation of the Alberta Community Partnership Grant program being announced shortly for the 2018-2019 intake, County Council passed motions to:

- partner with the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay and the Town of Elk Point to complete and implement two Stormwater Management Plans;
- partner with the Town of Elk Point and Town of St. Paul for a Regional Human Resources Services Needs Analysis and Framework Development;
- partner with our Urban Neighbours – the Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay for funding for a Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan – The 2018 Strategic Plan has been updated for the 3rd quarter and can be viewed on the County Website under Government Services. Council and Administration are working on the 2019 Strategic Plan which will have a new look.

Funding

- \$500 – Mallaig School Sr. Girls Golf Provincials
- \$1,000 – Regional High School Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys Golf Provincials

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208

Skating Club funding request tabled to county's November meeting

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

A request by the Elk Point Skating Club for funding from the County of St. Paul to help with their operating expenses for 2018/19 was tabled until November at Tuesday's council meeting.

The skating club fell \$8,413 short of their expenses last season, a cost that was covered by an accumulated surplus from previous years.

A 2017 statement of operations submitted by Elk Point Skating Club with their request shows revenues of \$12,965 from registrations, \$3,019 from bingos, and \$17,023 from fundraising.

"Since the downturn in the economy, they have seen a steady decline in registrations, which is why they are operating at a deficit. They are looking at ways to cut costs," said Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer for the County of St. Paul.

In a follow-up interview, Kelly Radcliffe, president of the Elk Point Skating Club, said they have close to 30 kids registered this year, which is down from about 40 in previous years.

One expense the club has trimmed in recent years is the Skate Canada fee of \$35 per skater, which covers insurance for the club.

"We used to pay it ourselves but we charge it now to each person because we just can't afford it," said Radcliffe.

"My only question is what happened to the good old days when coaches gave a little bit of time?" said Reeve Steve Upham during the meeting.

Coaching fees are the club's single largest expense at \$15,504. Ice time is the next largest cost at \$13,200.

Radcliffe said figure skating is different from hockey because in order to coach it, you must have certain qualifications from Skate Canada.

"The higher the coaches are, they have to have gone through and got those levels. There's a Canskate coach, then there's a level one coach, a level two coach and so on," said Radcliffe.

She said there are two coaches who work with the skating club to run their group programs, and others who have private partnerships with individual skaters.

"It's an individual sport. It's not a group sport. You don't need a team to put on the ice. Every person is individual. You've got dances, skills, different categories that you're learning," said Radcliffe.

The club is on a waiting list for a casino and contributes volunteer hours to the A. G. Ross Arena every year. This year, four volunteers from the club painted the entire interior in preparation for the 2018/19 ice season.

The county budgeted \$75,000 for recreation in Elk Point in 2018, of which only \$2,000 has been allocated to the Elk Point Pickleball Club. Last year, the A. G. Ross Arena, which the skating club operates out of, received \$25,000 for roof repairs as well as a grant of \$16,413 from the county. The arena has received \$144,080 since 2012, roughly double the money put in to either the Elk Point Curling Club or the C. G. Baker Riding Arena.

County council voted to table the request from the skating club to the November council meeting when the remaining \$73,000 of Elk Point Recreation grants will be fully allocated.

County applies for Alberta Community Partnership Grants

The County of St. Paul is submitting three applications for funding under the Intermunicipal Collaboration stream of the Alberta Community Partnership Grants. If successful, the grants will provide cash for studies and the development of frameworks for regional partnerships.

Projects the county has applied for grants towards include a regional economic development and marketing plan, a human resources needs analysis and framework development, and a stormwater management plan.

Kyle Attanasio is the Director of Corporate Services for the county. At the meeting, he said all three projects tie in to the intermunicipal collaboration frameworks the county is already working on.

"[The regional economic development and marketing plan would be] a regional document, but then there would be goals for each individual municipality within that," said Attanasio. Pending approval from municipal councils, the Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay are also included in the application with the county as the managing partner.

"We've talked about some of the HR challenges various municipalities are facing and while it would be a stretch for all the municipalities to provide a full time HR position, we thought there might be some economies of scale by having a regional framework and position instead," said Attanasio. Pending approval from municipal councils, the Town of St. Paul would be the managing partner of the project, with the Town of Elk Point also included.

The Town of Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay both need stormwater management plans. Pending municipal council approval, the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay will be the managing partner on that application.

"Horseshoe Bay actually has some drainage issues

around their subdivision, so they'd be looking at improving the drainage issues, that would be the outcome of the stormwater plan," said Sheila Kitz, chief administrative officer for the county.

"Because of the success we've had with the program and because we're in a really good situation with all this IDP ICF stuff, it's becoming a lot harder because the thrust of the program is around planning and frameworks and studies, it's harder and harder to come up with things that would benefit the regional municipalities," said Attanasio.

He said the list of projects for grant applications was the result of a number of meetings with municipalities in the region.

County FCSS Director to attend homelessness symposium

County council voted to approve the registration and related expenses for Janice Fodchuk, Director of FCSS for the county, to attend the Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium in Canmore from Oct. 24 - 26.

"We have had a number of instances where we've either had FCSS dealing with poverty issues, issues where people have lost their homes in fires, issues where I think she can gain some insight in to how to assist people better in our region," said Kitz.

County purchases table for CNRL Steak and Shrimp Fundraiser

Noting the number of local organizations who benefit from the annual Steak and Shrimp Fundraiser, county council voted to purchase a table of eight for \$480. This year's Oct. 20 event will benefit St. Paul Search and Rescue, Haying in the 30s, Elk Point and District Ag Society, and St. Paul Boys and Girls Club among others.

County donates to Elks Radio Auction

County council voted to make the same donation they've made in previous years to the Elks Radio Auction, and will provide two ten-cubic yard loads of gravel to be delivered within the county for the Nov. 4 event.

Break-ins a problem at transfer stations

County CAO Sheila Kitz reported break-ins have continued to be an issue at the county transfer stations. "They used to steal batteries but we don't keep batteries anymore so they're probably just looking," said Kitz.

Council asked if it would be worth putting signs up, but administration said they already have signs up stating there are no valuables.

"It is frustrating, do you know how many incident reports I sign for break-ins? It's crazy," said Kitz.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.
Land to Sell At Noon
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Sale Location: From Dewberry, 1 Mile South on Range Road 43, ¾ Mile East on Twp Road 532, South Side. **NE 10-53-4-W4:** ACRES: 160 +/- ZONED: A, 2018 TAXES: \$1,136.45, 2018 ASSESS: \$33,460 **SE 10-53-4-W4:** ACRES: 160 +/- ZONED: A, 2018 TAXES: \$464.14, 2018 ASSESS: \$27,480 **REMARKS:** NE quarter has approx. 127 cultivated acres. Includes yard site with an older 1 ½ storey home, 30'x60' shed, car garage, barn, smaller workshop & trout pond dugout. SE quarter has approx. 140 cultivated acres. **TRACTORS & EQUIP:** 830 Case Tractor (Dual Loader)* Flat Deck Trailer (Sport Club 10'X18½')* 8' Disc* V Snow Plow* MF HD Cultivator (12')* Husqvarna Ride On Mower* Grass Sweep* Rough Cut Mower (Utility HD) **SHOP, ETC:** Old Anvil* 50 & 295 AMP Welders* Acetylene Set* Homelite LR4400 Watt Generator (Like New)* Air Compressor* Air Tank* Tool Box (W/Tools)* Large Assortment of Electric & Shop Tools* Gas Weed Wacker **MISC:** Bedroom Suite* Computer; Lap Top; Scanner* Filing Cabinet* Branding Irons* Yard Equip* Bicycles* Fishing Equip* Traps* Corral Posts* Harness Parts* Bridle, Halter, Bits, Collars* Coal Pail; Milk Pail **BINS:** (2) Twister Bins (Approx 3500 Bu)* (6) Westeel Roscoe Bins (Approx 1350 Bu)* (2) Westeel Roscoe Bins (Approx 1650 Bu, Aeration). **For More Information, Please Call Phillip at 780-847-3745.**

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• Applications for bursaries must include proof of enrolment in a full time program and an acceptance letter from the education institution, as well as proof of eligibility to the category of bursary applied for.

• In the event of numerous applications to a single category, the branch Executive will make a random draw to determine the successful applicants.

• If eligible an applicant may apply to more than one category, but any one student may only receive a total of \$1,000.00.

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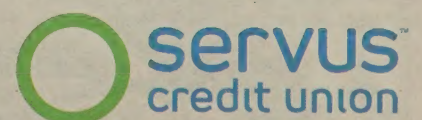
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Arrests made on multi-provincial crime spree

Northeastern Alberta RCMP – “These two individuals are suspected of causing multiple crimes across several provinces,” says Constable Guillaume Wilson. “We are glad we were able to stop further offences from occurring.”

On September 24, 2018, following ongoing tips from the public and collaboration between several RCMP Detachments and specialized units, a suspect who is alleged to have repeatedly fled from RCMP in stolen vehicles in the Elk Point and St. Paul areas was apprehended in Lloydminster following a short foot pursuit and police dog track.

This apprehension wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of the public and the joint effort between the Elk Point, St. Paul, and Lloydminster RCMP, St. Paul and Lloydminster Police Dog Services (PDS), and the Eastern Alberta District Rural Crime Reduction Unit (EADRCRU).

Further investigation conducted by EADRCRU, with the assistance of St. Paul Forensic Identification Services (FIS) as well as information sharing with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS), revealed that the individual in custody was responsible for multiple files across several provinces from various RCMP detachments and other police services. As a result of EADRCRU involvement, evidence has led to more than 10 investigative files being solved throughout western Canada.

The investigation revealed that the individual and another male are alleged to be responsible for the theft of a truck in Ontario that had been reported to the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). They then fled from police in Ontario and Manitoba until they arrived in Alberta.

Following the arrival in Alberta, they

fled from EADRCRU members in St. Paul County on Sept. 7, 2018. Police did not continue a pursuit for public safety at the time. Following this incident, they are alleged to have committed break-ins to the Whitney Lake United Church Camp and Whitney Lake Bible Camp where damage was done to several buildings on the properties. They are alleged to have stolen a van from the bible camp, which was then used to commit a break and enter in Edmonton.

Following the Edmonton break and enter, a small car was stolen by one of the suspects from the city and subsequently spotted several times in the St. Paul and Elk Point area. Members of the public provided tips to RCMP on the whereabouts of the stolen car. Several attempts were made to stop the vehicle, but RCMP did not engage in pursuits again for public safety reasons.

On Sept. 20, 2018, St. Paul RCMP attempted to box in the stolen car at an apartment complex in St. Paul and arrest both suspects inside. The suspects fled, striking a police car and nearly injuring an RCMP member, in the process.

On Sept. 24, 2018, EADRCRU, St. Paul PDS, and Elk Point RCMP worked jointly on an operation to apprehend the suspects. A member of the public reported the suspect vehicle to police and as a result an arrest of one of the male suspects was made in Lloydminster by PDS after a short foot pursuit and dog tracking.

Justin Lang (24) of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia is facing numerous charges including: Flight from police; Assaulting a peace officer; Resisting a peace officer; Dangerous driving; Possession of property obtained by crime and Driving while disqualified.

He was remanded into custody and is

awaiting several court dates in multiple jurisdictions.

The remaining male, Kyle Lang (19) of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was apprehended by Saskatchewan RCMP on September 26, 2018. He is also being held in custody in Saskatoon.

Several stolen vehicles were

recovered during this ongoing, wide-spread police response. Police from multiple jurisdictions are currently laying additional charges as a result of the evidence gathered by EADRCRU in relation to the multi-provincial crime spree that covered Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.



BOXED IN - A multi-provincial crime spree came to an end in Lloydminster for two Nova Scotia men on Sept. 24 when RCMP from Alberta and Saskatchewan cornered the stolen vehicle which had been spotted numerous times in the St. Paul and Elk Point areas earlier in the month.

Elk Point RCMP investigate break and enter near Whitney Lake

Elk Point, Alberta – The Elk Point RCMP are investigating a Break and Enter and theft that happened near Whitney Lakes Provincial Park.

On September 28, 2018 the Elk Point RCMP were called to a rural property for a report of a break and enter and theft. Two male suspects entered the residence and stole two laptop computers and one circular saw. The suspects were caught on trail cameras, were seen entering and leaving the property on a quad.

If you have any information about this crime or any other crime please contact the Elk Point RCMP 780-724-3964. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or by internet at www.tipssubmit.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers and if your information leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property and/or the seizure of illicit drugs you may be eligible for a cash reward.



TRAIL CAM PHOTOS show two suspects entering and leaving a rural property near Whitney Lake where a break and enter and theft had been reported to Elk Point RCMP.



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EADRCRU arrest five with assistance from eyes in the sky

RCMP East District, Alberta - On Oct. 9, 2018, RCMP members from the Elk Point, Cold Lake and Bonnyville Detachments along with Cold Lake Police Dog Services (PDS), and the Eastern Alberta District Rural Crime Reduction Unit (EADRCRU) were involved in a pursuit that spanned through Fishing Lake, Frog Lake, Bonnyville County, Elizabeth Metis Settlement, and briefly into Saskatchewan. RCMP Air Services were also utilized which was crucial in bringing the pursuit to an end without injuries.

"All RCMP members involved in this incident used teamwork and co-ordination to bring a safe resolution to the pursuit," says Constable Guillaume Wilson (EADRCRU). "They demonstrated a high level of professionalism despite the dangers they faced and the intensity of the situation."

This incident started on the morning of Oct. 9, 2018 when multiple detachments conducted a joint operation to apprehend a male wanted on several outstanding warrants for serious offences. While in Fishing Lake, police believed they spotted the male inside a vehicle that failed to stop for police and fled at high speed. A pursuit was initiated which went through Fishing Lake, Frog Lake, a section of Bonnyville County, and into the Elizabeth Metis Settlement. Once inside the Elizabeth Metis Settlement, the suspect vehicle was able to evade police after striking the windshield of a police vehicle with a metal pipe.

Police believed the suspect vehicle was hiding in an area along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and were able to contain this area with the help of the Saskatchewan RCMP until Alberta RCMP Air Services could arrive.

"Many people believe that crossing provincial lines will force us to cease efforts to apprehend them, but this is certainly not the case" says Constable Guillaume Wilson. "We are Canada's police force and provincial borders will not prevent us from stopping criminals and keeping Canadians safe."



Air Services located the suspect vehicle in a trail system along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and police vehicles on the ground quickly surrounded the area. This led to members successfully deflating one of the fleeing vehicle's tires with a spike belt. Following this, EADRCRU and Cold Lake PDS re-engaged the suspect vehicle in a pursuit which led them through the Elizabeth Metis Settlement again until the fleeing vehicle was no longer able to continue and its occupants fled on foot.

All occupants were quickly arrested and taken into custody without incident. The vehicle used in this incident was later confirmed to be stolen.

Desmond Spence (18) and Cody Spence (19) of Edmonton were charged with multiple Criminal Code offences which include: Assault on a police officer with a weapon; Flight from police; Resisting a peace officer; Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and Failing to comply with a probation order. Both were remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and are

scheduled to appear in Lac La Biche Provincial Court via CCTV on Oct. 15, 2018.

A 16-year-old male from Cold Lake, a 17-year-old female from Frog Lake, and a 14-year-old female from Elizabeth Metis Settlement, all of whom cannot be named due to the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act were charged with multiple Criminal Code offences which include: Assault on a police officer with a weapon; Resisting a peace officer; Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and Flight from police.

The 16-year-old male and 14-year-old female are also facing charges for failing to comply with conditions.

All youth were released on conditions after a judicial hearing and are scheduled to appear in Cold Lake Provincial Court on Oct. 24, 2018.

RCMP DASHCAM shows suspects fleeing down a bush trail on foot after a spike belt was used to disable the stolen truck they were traveling in. Another dashcam photo, below shows RCMP Air Services getting a bird's eye view on the hunt for the vehicle and occupants.



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St. Paul Meetings will take place in the: Lakeland Primary Care Network (Boardroom)

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Elk Point Meetings will take place in the: Elk Point Healthcare Centre (In-Service Room)

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DRINKING HABITS A HILARIOUS FARCE

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Ice is ready! Here comes hockey!

I have no doubt in my mind, that it was a sports fan watching TV during the month of October that invented the remote control. With all the Major League Baseball World Series going on, the CFL football teams playing important games to make the playoffs, the start of NHL hockey, NFL football and NBA basketball most guys will be flipping the channels back and forth like crazy. But why is it that every time a commercial comes on and I flip another channel to check on a score, that channel has a commercial on it, too? Somebody has to pay for the exorbitant players salaries, I guess, and in the long run, it's you and me.

But it is an exciting time of year for sure. The Oilers and Eskimos both winning this past weekend making everyone I know who cheers for them a whole lot happier. My beloved Leafs are lighting it up. Who needs defense when you can score like they have been? I was alive when they won their last Stanley Cup in 1967, and I hope to see another one before I die!! Either way we are long past due for some excitement in hog town!

And talk about excitement ... Today the kids will all be bouncing around all over the place, excited about getting on the ice for their very first practice. Who knows, maybe one of them will even be sporting a Leafs sweater!! Yes, the ice is finally ready to go.

I think it's because of the crappy winter type weather these past six weeks that it may seem like a late start to you, but it really isn't. After all the repairs these past few weeks, the brine pump replacement, straightening and repairing of boards and painting, we are only one week behind our normal practice schedule.

Just in case you haven't been involved, we have some people to thank who went above and beyond to get it done. Many thanks going out to Dean Rogal,

who along with Rod Cardinal pulled the leaking pump last spring. The decision was made to get a new one after finding out how bad the old one actually was. The new pump, when it finally arrived in September, was a new style, upgraded one. To make it work in our plant, we needed some major retrofitting. Dean, along with some financial help from his employer CNRL to help cover some of the costs, and volunteers Murray Cochrane, Conrad Pierce the

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BASSETT**
Review Sports

millwright, Rod Cardinal the welder, Darrel Malo the electrician and of course Brian Poitras, our caretaker, spent more than a few days getting it into place and running. Murray, Brian and Conrad also went to work on the boards, pulling them straight and putting shims under and patching puck board.

Meanwhile, for most of September, Kelly Radcliffe and Melissa Skarsen painted the entire bleachers and walls inside the arena ice surface. It looks fantastic and makes you almost scared to walk on it. Also thanks to the volunteer fireman who always come in at least twice a year and wash the ice surface for us and to Lisa and Kyle down at ARK Autowash for cleaning the garbage cans and recycle bins like they always do. I know there were many others who came out to help, so thanks to all of you who I may have failed to mention. And some of the volunteer work during the year, like the team managers, coaches, booth workers, is about to start this coming weekend and carry on until the end of March.

The Elks Senior team has their season opener this coming Saturday night. And the Atoms are playing Dewberry/Marwayne on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Plus, I'm sure some other teams will come up with a game or two. "Let's get ready to rumble!"

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "You miss 100 per cent of the shots you never take." - Wayne Gretzky



CRUSADERS WIN IN MALLAIG - F. G. Miller Junior Girls Crusaders (above) won Friday's volleyball tournament in Mallaig, while the Senior Girls, below, placed second in Saturday's senior tournament. Congratulations, ladies!

Melissa Skarsen photos



Flu shots today

Community health nurse Christal Brodziak will be on hand to administer flu vaccine at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre on Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and at the Elk Point Health Care Centre on Oct. 18 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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